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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE
AND TRAINING

REF: MEXICO 06872

1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION MAY 9, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL
REFERRED TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF APRIL 29 REGARDING RECENTLY-
ENACTED PROVISIONS OF US LAW AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY FOR US
MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING. WITH CHARACTERISTIC
FRANKNESS, ROEL STATED THAT HE THOUGHT US WAS "ASKING TOO
MUCH" FOR A PROGRAM OF \$200,000 PER YEAR OF TRAINING. HE
SAID MEXICO WELCOMED THE TRAINING BUT MEXICAN DIGNITY RE-
QUIRED THAT IT NOT COME WITH TOO MANY STRINGS ATTACHED.

2. I EXPLAINED TO FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT REQUIREMENT FOR
ASSURANCES IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE WAS IN KEEPING WITH PRO-
VISIONS OF US LEGISLATION, TO WHICH HE REPLIED THAT HE
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CERTAINLY DID NOT WANT TO TRY TO TELL US CONGRESS OR THE
EXECUTIVE HOW TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS; BUT FROM THE MEXICAN
POINT OF VIEW, A RIGID DEMAND FOR ASSURANCES OF TYPE RE-
QUESTED IN THE NOTE MADE THE GOM QUESTION WHETHER IT WOULD
WANT TO CONTINUE ACCEPTING US TRAINING. I EXPLAINED THAT
ONLY MATERIEL-RELATED TRAINING, NOT ALL TRAINING, WAS
AFFECTED BY THE ASSURANCES AND CONDITIONS IN THE NOTE,

BUT ROEL DID NOT APPEAR TO REGISTER THIS DISTINCTION OR PERHAPS DID NOT CONSIDER IT SIGNIFICANT. I ALSO SUGGESTED THE ASSURANCES REQUESTED WERE NOT SO ONEROUS AS THE SECRETARY SEEMED TO THINK. HE DEMURRED BUT SUGGESTED THAT WE LOOK JOINTLY AT THE TERMS OF THE NOTE, WHICH WE WILL DO IN A FURTHER MEETING PLANNED FOR MAY 16 OR 17.

3. COMMENT: LIKE BARTLETT (SEE REFTTEL), HE MAY BE WORRYING ABOUT THE MAP-RELATED REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN MEXICO. WHILE I HOPE THAT MEXICO IS NOT CONTEMPLATING RENUNCIATION OF ALL US MILITARY ASSISTANCE, AT THIS TIME, THE PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE NOT PROMISING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON HOW WE CAN HANDLE THE ISSUE OF MEXICAN REPLY TO OUR NOTE, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM BY MAY 15. THOMPSON

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